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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application number 09/352,227, filed on July 13, 1999, and entitled BRIDGE PLATFORM. This prior application (batch no. 002), which is assigned to Examiner A. Chin Shue in art unit 3634, is scheduled to issue on October 24, 2000, as U.S. patent 6,135,240.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the latest inventor-signed prior application, including formal drawings (8 sheets) and including a copy of the oath or declaration showing the original signature.
2. A statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 was filed in prior application number 08/506,685 and such status is still proper and desired (37 CFR 1.28(a)).
3. Cancel in this application original claims 2 to 14 before calculating the filing fee.
4. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed in which claim 1 is canceled and claims 15 to 26 are newly submitted. Thus, a total of 12 total claims and 2 independent claims remaining in this application after the above cancellation of claims and with the Preliminary Amendment entered. There are thus no excess claims for which excess claims fees are due. The filing fee, at the small entity rate, is \$355.00.

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5. A check in the amount of \$355.00 is enclosed.

6. The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Lambros Apostolopoulos, a United States citizen whose residence and post office address is 70 Cherrywood Drive, Amherst, New York 14221.

7. Amend the specification by inserting in the first line thereof --This is a continuation of pending application no. 09/352,227, filed July 13, 1999, which is a continuation of application no. 08/912,405, filed August 18, 1997 (U.S. patent 5,921,346), which is a continuation of application no. 08/506,685, filed July 25, 1995 (U.S. patent 5,730,248), which is incorporated herein by reference-- After the granting of a filing date to this application, amend the above amendment by inserting --(U.S. patent 6,135,240)-- after "July 13, 1999".

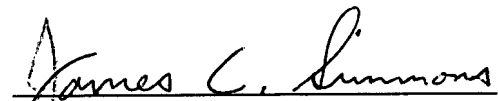
8. The prior application is assigned of record to Paul Kristen, Inc.

10. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: James C. Simmons, 11 Falmouth Lane, Williamsville, New York 14221. Since the power of attorney does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed. Address all future correspondence to:

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